

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on January 30, 2006.

Claims 8, 13, 15, and 43-49 have been canceled by way of this amendment.

Claims 6, 9, 14, and 16 have been amended. No claims have been added. As a result, claims 6, 9-12, 14, and 16 are now pending in this application.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants' remarks concerning the claims will be presented in the same order in which the Examiner presented them in the Office Action.

#### **Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, Applicants have updated the status of the related applications, as available.

Applicants have also made several amendments to the specification by substituting "Related Applications" for "Related Invention"; by substituting "Technical Field" for "Technical Field of the Invention"; by substituting "Background Information" for "Background of the Invention"; by substituting "Detailed Description" for "Detailed Description of Embodiments of the Invention"; by deleting the sub-title "Conclusion"; and by substituting "embodiments of the invention" or "inventive subject matter" for "invention". Applicants have made these amendments, because Applicants do not wish for the inventive subject matter of the present application to be construed as limited to a single invention, particularly in view of the fact that the Examiner indicated the presence of multiple inventions in the Restriction Requirement of January 25, 2005.

No new matter has been introduced through these amendments to the specification.

#### **Amendments to Claims 6, 9, 14, and 16**

Claims 6, 9, 14, and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Independent claim 6 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter

previously recited in dependent claim 15. Because the phrase “at least one conductor within the interior” was already recited in claim 6, the identical phrase within claim 15 has been amended to “at least one additional conductor within the interior”. In addition, the language incorporated into claim 6 from claim 15 has been amended, for the purpose of clarity, to recite that the fifth terminal is coupled to the second (not the first) element, and that the fifth terminal is electrically coupled to the second terminal only via the second (not the first) element and the at least one additional conductor.

Claim 9 has been amended by switching its dependency from claim 8 to claim 6, and by substituting “third and fifth exterior sides” for “third and fourth exterior sides”, for the purpose of clarity.

Claim 14 has been amended by switching its dependency from claim 13 to claim 6, and by substituting “fourth and sixth exterior sides” for “third and fourth exterior sides”, for the purpose of clarity.

Claim 16 has been amended by switching its dependency from claim 15 to claim 6; by deleting “at least one additional conductor within the interior”; by substituting “first element” for “second element”; by substituting “first terminal” for “second terminal”; and by deleting “and the at least one additional conductor”, for the purpose of clarity.

The amendments made to the claims for the purpose of clarification are not intended to limit the scope of equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As indicated above, independent claim 6 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 15.

Thus independent claim 6, and claims 9-12, 14, and 16 dependent therefrom, should be allowable.

### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6, 9-12, 14, and 16 are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney, Walter W. Nielsen (located in Phoenix, Arizona) at (602) 298-8920, or the below-signed attorney (located in Minneapolis, Minnesota) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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